

Yesterday, Rep. Debbie Halvorson (IL-11) spoke before Congress in support of H.Res. 971, regarding the House of Representative's support of preventative care and access to coverage for breast cancer screenings. The resolution expresses the House's sense that the United States Preventative Services Task Force's recommendations regarding breast cancer screenings should not be used by insurers to deny coverage for services. Below is the text of the speech and video from Halvorson's floor speech:

*"Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of women across the country and protecting their access to cancer screenings.*

*As the daughter of a breast cancer survivor, my mother got breast cancer under the age of fifty, I understand the importance of regular mammograms, and know they save lives.*

*I have met so many women across my district who are still with us today because of preventative care.*

*We should always encourage women to get screened, and we should never allow insurance companies from standing between a woman and her doctor, and a procedure which may save a life.*

*This is a disease that has affected so many of us in this chamber, and so many of our constituents back home.*

*I call on my colleagues to support this resolution, and support women's health."*

The House of Representatives voted unanimously to pass H.Res.971, which was co-sponsored by Halvorson.